

# **ANNUAL REPORTS**

of the Town of

# **CANAAN**

**New Hampshire**

# **1973**

**For the Year Ending  
December 31, 1973**





**HARRIET J. TAPLIN**

The 1973 Town Report is being dedicated to Harriet J. Taplin for outstanding contribution and dedication as Town Clerk for 32 years.

*Many Happy Returns to Harriet & John.*



**Annual Report**

**of the**

**Town Officers**

**Town of Canaan**

**New Hampshire**

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## TOWN OFFICERS

## Selectmen

WILLIAM G. GEE Chm.                      GEORGE W. MORSE  
WALTER W. KING

## Tax Collector

INEZ M. CUSHMAN

### Moderator

DANIEL W. FLEETHAM

## Town Clerk

HARRIET J. TAPLAN to Dec. 31, 1973  
INEZ M. CUSHMAN Jan. 1 - Mar. 5, 1974

### Town Treasurer

PATRICIA EASTMAN

## Road Agent

GORDON LARY

**Chief of Police**

ERNEST B. SMITH

## Overseer Public Welfare

NORMA CLARK

**Civil Defense Director**

ERNEST B. SMITH

**Health Officer**  
CHARLES CLIFFORD

**Representative to the General Court**  
CARL ALTMAN

**Cemetery Agents**  
MYRTLE KIMBALL                      JOHN Q. RICARD

**Trustees of the Trust Funds**  
RICHARD REARICK                      KENNETH RICHMOND  
JACQUELINE LARY, Treas.

**Forest Fire Warden and Deputies**  
GORDON LARY, Warden

**Deputies**  
ROBERT RICARD                      STANLEY BOGARDUS  
ROGER REMACLE                      CHARLES NEILY  
JOHN P. ROBERTS                      SIDNEY LARY, JR.

**Special Deputies**  
JOHN Q. ADAMS                      GORDON LARY

**Town Auditors**  
EDWARD LARY                      BRIAN HAYES

**Canaan Planning Board**  
RICHARD PUSEY                      CLAIRE BROWN  
JOHN HAMMOND                      NICK WADLEIGH  
DAVID TIBBETS                      WILLIAM G. GEE  
MARY ADAIR MOORE



### **Town Budget Committee**

MARTHA PUSEY	Term Expires 1974
RUSSELL LESTER	Term Expires 1974
DONALD McALISTER	Term Expires 1974
JOHN Q. ADAMS	Term Expires 1975
EDWARD LARY	Term Expires 1975
BRIAN HAYES	Term Expires 1975
PAUL GAGNON	Term Expires 1976
GENE C. DAVIS	Term Expires 1976
MILTON WILSON	Term Expires 1976

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Canaan in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Canaan Elementary School in said Canaan on Tuesday, the Fifth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of tax revenues.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey by quitclaim deed all property acquired by tax deed, or to take any other action thereto.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to receive partial payments from any person, firm or corporation owning taxable property and before tax bills of the amount of taxes assessed against said property for the year has been received. Such sums shall be divisible by ten but not less than ten dollars, and the Tax Collector shall receive such payments and give a receipt therefor and credit the amount toward the amount of taxes eventually assessed against said property.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts, and/or State Aid in the name of the Town of Canaan.

6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to build a new dock (removable, floating or stationary) at the location of the present Town owned dock on Canaan Street Lake at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00.

7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Commission consisting of five citizens, who shall serve without pay, to be appointed by the Selectmen. The two persons first appointed shall serve for three years; the two persons next appointed for two years; the fifth person appointed for one year. Their successors shall be appointed for three years. Vacancies as they occur shall be filled for unexpired term only. Said Commission to operate and maintain the Canaan Town Beach, and to make reasonable charges for the use thereof.

8. To see if the Town will impose a tow-away ordinance (at vehicle owner expense) of violators of parking rules at Town Beach area.

9. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Canaan Recreation Commission to hold a public meeting each year prior to opening the Town Beach to discuss rules regulations, fees and amount of money to be spent on salaries.

10. To see if the Town will vote to establish the following ordinance:

“Under the provisions of Chapter 466, Revised Statutes Annotated of New Hampshire, the Selectmen of Canaan hereby orders that all dogs within the limits of Canaan shall be restrained from running at large. A dog shall be deemed to be restrained from running at large when it is kept upon the property of its owner or keeper, or is kept within an enclosure on the property of its owner or keeper, or is kept on a leash or is under the immediate control of its owner or keeper.”

The failure of the owner or keeper of a dog to comply with this order may subject the owner or keeper to a fine up to \$25.00.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and, further to authorize the Selectmen to make prorata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon:

Police Dept. (operating expense)	\$ 6,600.00
Police Dept. (Cruiser replacement)	3,000.00
Recreation Commission	1,500.00
Fire Department	5,100.00
Mascoma Area Health Council	4,727.00
Community Bldg. (Repairs)	2,000.00
Highway Dept. (summer & winter Maint.)	14,000.00
Highway Dept. (Cutting trees and tree replacement)	1,769.00
Town Officer Expenses	4,000.00
Library	2,500.00
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Total	\$45,196.00

12. To see if the Town will vote to employ the services of the State of New Hampshire assessors to obtain more equalized assessments or take any action thereto.

13. Pursuant to a petition of ten or more legal voters: To see if the Town will vote to designate Codfish Hill from the Westerly point where the paved road surface now ends to the intersection of Sawyer Hill Road, and Sawyer Hill Road from the intersection of Talbert Road to the intersection of Hinkson Road as scenic under the

provisions of RSA 253:17 & 18, for the purposes of protection and enhancing the scenic beauty of Canaan, and further, that the Selectmen of said Town, Canaan, shall, regarding such road or roads designated as scenic, file the appropriate request for suspension of specifications when making application to the Commissioner of Public Works and Highways for Town Road Aid funds under RSA 241:7(I).

14. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken at a previous Town meeting that permanent police officers shall be elected by ballot; and commencing with the 1975 annual meeting and thereafter the Chief of Police shall be appointed by the Selectmen in accordance with provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 41, Section 47.

15. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Canaan Board of Selectmen to issue and enforce the following Building Permit Ordinance for the Town of Canaan, or act thereon:

SECTION I. On and after the date upon which this Ordinance is adopted by the Town of Canaan it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation to construct or establish any preconstructed building or edifice, including mobile homes, on any plot of land in the Township of Canaan without having obtained a written building permit issued by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Canaan. The cost of such permit will be one dollar (\$1.00) and application for such permit must be made in writing to the Board of Selectmen in the form required by them, at least seven days before starting construction or of moving a structure onto said property.

SECTION II. PENALTY. Any person or persons, or corporation who violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of

not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) or more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and each day's failure of compliance with such provisions may constitute a separate violation.

16. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

17. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or any other officers heretofor chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto and to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

18. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of seven (7), one to be a selectman, one to be a Historic District Commissioner, to study the alternatives, hold public hearing and present a plan of use in regards to the Old Meeting House and that when the taking up of all other articles of this warrant is completed this meeting be adjourned to July 2, 1974 at which time it will reconvene to take any appropriate action on this article.

Given under our hands and seal, this 11th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

WILLIAM G. GEE  
GEORGE W. MORSE  
WALTER W. KING  
Selectmen of Canaan  
Grafton, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

WILLIAM G. GEE  
GEORGE W. MORSE  
WALTER W. KING  
Selectmen of Canaan  
Grafton, N. H.

..... March, 19

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at being a public place in said Town, on the day of February, 19 .

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Selectmen of Canaan

NOTE: Polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P. M.  
Articles of the Warrant will be taken up at 7:00 P. M.

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CANAAN

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1973	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1973	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1974
From State:			
Bounties .....	.....	.....	\$ 2.00
Interest & Dividends Tax .....	7,000.00	10,327.57	8,500.00
Historical District Comm. ....	.....	260.00	.....
Savings Bank Tax .....	800.00	.....	.....
Meals & Rooms Tax .....	8,000.00	10,055.89	8,500.00
Forest Fire .....	50.00	260.72	50.00
Highway Subsidy .....	24,275.61	24,275.61	24,163.04
Reim. Forest Conservation Aid ..	175.00	155.54	175.00
Reim. Flood Damages .....	.....	11,836.00	10,000.00
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax	10,000.00	12,692.52	10,000.00
Civil Defense .....	50.00	.....	50.00
Reim. Old Age Assistance .....	100.00	124.20	100.00
From Local Sources:			
Beach Permits .....	.....	348.00	.....
Dog Licenses .....	650.00	695.80	650.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees .....	50.00	129.00	50.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees .....	20,000.00	24,996.32	20,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits .....	1,000.00	1,228.54	1,000.00
Income from Trust Funds .....	50.00	15.00	.....
Gifts & Funds .....	10,000.00	22,000.00	.....
TRA Reimbursement .....	.....	11,706.20	11,416.63
Fines & Forfeits — Municipal & District Court .....	2,000.00	2,400.00	2,000.00
National Bank Stock Taxes .....	40.00	60.00	40.00
Resident Taxes Retained .....	4,500.00	8,820.00	9,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed ....	500.00	604.88	500.00
Rent of Town Property .....	600.00	328.00	.....
Gov. Comm. on Crime & Delinq. ....	.....	4,128.00	1,372.00
Income from Departments .....	100.00	187.75	100.00
Exemption Old Age Prop. Tax ....	2,700.00	.....	.....
Duncan Fund .....	11,498.88	11,498.88	12,312.16
Recreation Comm. ....	.....	47.10	.....
Sale Cemetery Lots .....	150.00	805.00	150.00
Dump & Fire Dept. (From Orange) .....	400.00	400.00	400.00
Surplus:			
County Reim. ....	.....	169.60	.....
Museum .....	.....	52.51	.....
Revenue Sharing .....	35,000.00	45,553.00	34,000.00
EEA .....	.....	2,375.12	.....
Total Revenues from all Sources			
Except Property Taxes .....	\$139,689.49	\$208,536.75	\$154,485.83
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes .....			26,704.85
Total Revenues .....			\$181,190.68



Purpose of Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year 1973	Appropriations Recommended by Budget Committee 1974	Submitted without Recom- mendation
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries .....	\$ 8,200.00	8,200.00	.....
Town Officers' Expenses .....	3,400.00	5,000.00	.....
Election & Registration Expenses .....	650.00	500.00	.....
Municipal & Dist. Court Exp. ....	750.00	750.00	.....
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs. ....	6,000.00	9,625.00	.....
Employees' Retirement & S.S. ....	2,500.00	3,500.00	.....
Contingency Fund (matching) ....	2,000.00	4,000.00	.....
Recreation Comm. ....	.....	1,535.00	7,000.00
<b>Protection of Persons &amp; Property:</b>			
Police Department .....	11,000.00	14,000.00	.....
Fire Department .....	2,225.00	5,100.00	.....
Insurance .....	3,500.00	4,000.00	.....
Planning & Zoning .....	2,015.00	1,815.00	.....
Damages & Legal Expense .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Civil Defense .....	50.00	50.00	.....
<b>Health Dept.:</b>			
Hospitals & Ambulance .....	300.00	4,727.00	.....
Vital Statistics .....	50.00	50.00	.....
Sewer Maintenance .....	100.00	100.00	.....
Town Dump & Garbage Removal .....	3,000.00	3,500.00	.....
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>			
Town Maint. (Summer - Winter) .....	20,000.00	23,000.00	.....
Street Lighting .....	3,200.00	3,200.00	.....
Gen'l Exp. of Hwy. Dept. ....	3,000.00	4,000.00	.....
Town Road Aid .....	1,715.65	1,712.48	.....
<b>Libraries:</b> .....	2,500.00	2,500.00	.....
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Historic Dist. Comm. ....	.....	200.00	.....
Town Poor .....	1,500.00	.....	.....
Aid Age Assistance .....	14,000.00	12,000.00	.....
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Parks & Playgrounds .....	600.00	1,000.00	.....
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>			
Memorial Day, Etc. ....	150.00	150.00	.....
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Gasoline .....	.....	5,000.00	.....
Hydrants (Budgeted with Fire Department) .....	1,300.00	.....	.....
Conservation Commission .....	.....	100.00	.....
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
Principal & Long Term Notes			
Bonds — Grader .....	5,000.00	.....	.....
Interest — Long Term Notes			
& Bonds .....	1,000.00	.....	.....
Interest on Temporary Loans .....	2,000.00	2,200.00	.....

Capital Outlay			
Truck .....	8,500.00	.....	.....
Sidewalk Construction .....	.....	1,000.00	.....
Reappraisal of Property .....	500.00	500.00	.....
Forest Fire Hydrants Dry .....	1,200.00	.....	.....
Mascoma Area Health Council *			
(Budgeted with Health Dept.	3,295.00	.....	.....
Highway Subsidy .....	24,275.61	24,163.04	.....
Aid to Soldiers & Family .....	200.00	200.00	.....
Tarvia .....	6,500.00	7,500.00	.....
Duncan .....	11,498.88	12,313.16	.....
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds			
Reappraisal Fund .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	.....
Sewer Fund .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Designated Fund .....	21,114.18	.....	.....
Total Appropriations .....	\$185,789.32		\$181,190.68

EDWARD LARY, Chairman  
JOHN Q. ADAMS  
DONALD E. McALISTER  
MARTHA G. PUSEY  
BRIAN HAYES  
MILTON A. WILSON  
GENE C. DAVIS  
C. RUSSELL LESTER  
HENRY P. GAGNON  
WILLIAM G. GEE, Selectman  
Budget Committee

## FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

### BALANCE SHEET

#### Assets

##### Cash:

In hands of Treasurer	\$246,518.95	
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Total		\$246,518.95

##### Capital Reserve Runds:

Reappraisal Fund	7,500.00	
Sewer Fund	7,050.00	
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Total		14,550.00

##### Accounts Due to the Town:

Gov'ts. Comm. Crime & delinq.	1,372.00	
Civil Defense	50.00	
Bounties	2.00	
Fed. Disaster Fund (Flood)	11,836.00	
State Forestry Service	25.00	
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Total		13,285.00

##### Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1972	3,601.94	
Levy of 1971	777.78	
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Total		4,379.72

Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1973, incl. res. taxes	30,769.42	
Levy of 1972		374.05
Levy of 1971	148.49	
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Total		\$ 31,291.96
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Total Assets		\$310,025.63
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Grand Total		\$310,025.63
Current Deficit, Dec. 31, 1972		33,187.39
Current Surplus, Dec. 31, 1973		61,054.72
Increase of Surplus — Change in Financial Condition		27,867.33

### LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Unexpended Balances of Special		
Approp.	\$ 2,000.00	
Unexpended Revenue Sharing		
Funds	37,412.13	
Unexpended St. Hwy. Subsidy		
Funds	6,607.80	
School Dist. Taxes Payable	202,900.98	
Other Liabilities:		
Civil Defense	50.00	
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Total Accts. Owed by the Town		\$248,970.91
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Total Liabilities		\$248,970.91
Current Surplus		61,054.72
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Grand Total		\$310,025.63

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

### RECEIPTS

#### Current Revenue:

Property Taxes — 1973	\$423,677.20
Resident Taxes — 1973	7,440.00
Nat'l. Bank Stock Taxes — 1973	60.00
Yield Taxes — 1973	604.80

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Total Current Year's Taxes	
Collected and Remitted	431,782.00

Property Taxes & Yield Taxes —	
Previous Years	31,689.04
Resident Taxes — Previous years	1,380.00
Int. rec'd on Delinquent Taxes	1,562.33
Penalties	139.00
Tax sales redeemed	8,815.70

#### From State:

For Town Road Aid	11,706.20
For Class V. Highway Maint.	11,498.88
Highway Subsidy	24,275.61
Interest and dividends tax	10,327.57
Reim. a/c State and Federal	
Forest Lands	155.54
Fighting forest fires	260.72
Reim. a/c Old Age Assistance	124.20
Meals and Rooms Tax	10,055.89
Reim. a/c Bus. Profits Tax	12,692.52
All other Receipts from State	169.60
Flood Damage — Reim.	11,836.00

#### From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	695.80
Business licenses, permits and	
Filing fees	129.00

Fines and forfeits, municipal & District Court	2,400.00
Interest received on deposits	97.54
Income from trust funds	15.00
Income from departments	915.75
Motor vehicle permits	24,996.32
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Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$597,622.05
Receipts other than Current Revenue:	
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation	
Notes	133,040.15
Refunds	23.98
Gifts	22,000.00
Yield Tax Security Dep.	226.80
Revenue Sharing	45,533.00
Interest on Investments of Revenue Sharing Funds	1,131.00
Gov.'s Comm. on Crime & Delinq.	4,128.00
Emergency Employment Act	2,375.12
All Other Receipts:	
Beach Permits & Recreation Committee	395.10
Sale of Cemetery Lots	805.00
Museum	52.51
Historic District Commission	260.00
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$209,990.66
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$807,612.71
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1973 — (July 1, 1973)	185,602.26
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Grand Total	\$993,214.97

## PAYMENTS

### Current Maintenance Expenses:

#### General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 7,607.40
Town officers' expenses	4,969.63
Election and registration exp.	396.29
Municipal Dist. Court exp.	500.00
Exp. town hall and other	
town buildings	3,630.56
Reappraisal of Property	354.98

#### Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	12,085.11
Fire dept., incl. forest fires	3,578.31
Planning and Zoning	445.00
Damage by dogs	45.00
Insurance	3,354.10

#### Health:

Health department, including	
hospitals & ambulance	3,598.92
Vital statistics	46.50
Town dumps & garbage removal	3,112.60

#### Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	15,638.47
Town Maintenance	12,027.87
Street lighting	2,565.84
General Expenses of	
Highway Department	3,546.81

#### Libraries:

2,500.00

#### Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	8,148.57
Town Poor	615.97

#### Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Vet's Assn., and	
Old Home Day	156.00

Recreation:

Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	1,661.88
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Unclassified:

Damages and legal exp.	374.00
Advertising and Reg. Assn.	1,630.00
Taxes bought by town	8,563.94
Discounts, Abatements and refunds	1,506.33
Employees' Ret. and S.S.	2,206.67

All Other Current Maint. Exp.:

Duncan Fund	20,348.85
Gasoline	1,404.77
Tarvia	3,841.01
Highway Subsidy	17,667.81
EEA	2,602.50
Flood Damage	17,457.08
Bounties	2.00
Historical Museum	60.26
Inez Cushman, Tax Collector	381.65
Designated Funds	23,307.10

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Total Current Maint. Exp.	\$191,939.78
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Debt Service:

Paid on tax anticipation notes	1,899.50
Paid on long term notes	602.92

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Total Interest Payments	2,502.42
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Principal of Debt:

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	133,040.16
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Payments on long term notes	13,110.00
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Total Principal Payments	146,150.16
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Capital Outlay:

Payments to capital reserve funds	6,805.00	
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Total Outlay Payments		6,805.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Resident Taxes Paid State Treasurer — 1973	672.30	
Payments to State a/c 2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	100.79	
Taxes paid to County	24,757.46	
Payments to School Districts	373,768.11	
Total Payments to Other	<hr/>	
Governmental Divisions		\$399,298.66
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Total Payments for all Purposes		\$746,696.02
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1973		246,518.95
Grand Total		\$993,214.97

## **SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 45,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	4,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	18,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	9,000.00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	5,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	10,000.00
Equipment	25,500.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,500.00
Equipment	55,000.00
Materials and Supplies	1,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	7,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	500,000.00
Covey Lot	1,000.00
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Total	\$682,500.00

## **REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS**

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Library Trustee and Municipal Court and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

BRIAN HAYES  
EDWARD LARY

February 15, 1974

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1973**

**Dog Report**

**Receipts**

1972—3 males—1 S.F. at \$2.00	\$ 8.00	
1973—131 males at \$2.00	262.00	
37 females at \$5.00	185.00	
91 spayed females at \$2.00	182.00	
1 kennel at \$50.00	50.00	
2 half kennels at \$12.00	24.00	
38 penalties at \$1.00	38.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 749.00

**Payments**

Fees—266 at 20 cents	\$ 53.20	
Patricia A. Eastman, Treas.	695.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 749.00

**Auto Report**

51 permits, 1972	\$ 592.08	
1762 permits, 1973	24,404.24	
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Patricia A. Eastman, Treas.		\$24,996.32

**Filing Fees**

Town Meeting	\$16.00
Patricia A. Eastman, Treas.	\$16.00

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIETT J. TAPLIN  
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1973**

**Receipts**

From Tax Collector	\$474,025.07
From Selectmen	307,879.52
From Town Clerk	25,708.12
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	\$807,612.71
Balance on hand January 1, 1973	185,602.26
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	\$993,214.97
Payments by Order of Selectmen	746,696.02
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Balance on hand January 1, 1974	\$246,518.95

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA A. EASTMAN  
Town Treasurer

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1973**

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS**  
**Property, Resident and Yield Taxes**

**Levy of 1973**

**Debit**

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$451,366.78
Resident Taxes	9,080.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	60.00

Total Warrants	\$460,506.78
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Yield Taxes	690.90
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Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$ 2,311.75
Resident Taxes	330.00

2,641.75

Overpayment During Year:

Yield Taxes	.15
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Interest Collected During Year

on Delinquent property tax:	76.93
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Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes:	25.00
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Total Debits	\$463,941.51
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**Credit**

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes*	\$422,334.12
Resident Taxes	7,440.00

National Bank Stock	60.00
Yield Taxes	604.88
Interest Collected	76.93
Penalties on Resident Taxes	25.00
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	\$430,540.93

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	1,964.99
Resident Taxes	580.00
Yield Taxes	86.17
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	2,631.16

Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1973:

Property Taxes	29,379.42
Resident Taxes	1,390.00
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	30,769.42

Total Credits	<hr/>	\$463,941.51
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\* Treasurer's \$422,521.34 (less \$187.22 — Insufficient Funds)  
Check #1254 on National Bank of Lebanon.

## SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

### Property and Resident Taxes

#### Levy of 1972

#### Debit

Uncollected Taxes — As of January 1, 1973:

Property Taxes	\$32,074.24
Resident Taxes	1,140.00
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	\$33,214.24

Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes	400.00
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Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes:	607.91	
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes:	114.00	
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		1,121.91
		<hr/>
Total Debits		\$34,336.15

### Credit

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year ended December 31, 1973:		
Property Taxes	\$31,267.91	
Resident Taxes	1,380.00	
Interest Collected During Year	607.91	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	114.00	
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		\$33,369.82
Abatements Made During Year:		
Property Taxes	432.28	
Resident Taxes	160.00	
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		592.28
Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1973		
Property Taxes		374.05
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Total Credits		\$34,336.15

## **SUMMARY OF WARRANTS**

### **Property Taxes**

#### **Levy of 1971**

##### **Debit**

Uncollected Taxes — As of January 1, 1973:

Property Taxes	\$519.85
Interest Collected	68.35

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Total Debits	\$588.20
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##### **Credit**

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal

Year ended December 31, 1973:

Property Taxes	\$371.36
Interest	68.35

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\$439.71

Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1973:

Property Taxes*	148.49
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Total Credits	\$588.20
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\* Collected Since First of Year.

#### **Levy of 1970**

##### **Debit**

Uncollected Taxes — As of January 1, 1973:

Property Taxes	\$41.00
Interest Collected	14.66

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Total Debits	\$55.66
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##### **Credit**

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$41.00
Interest Collected	14.66

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Total Credits	\$55.66
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# **SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNT** **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973**

	Debits			
	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:			
	1972	1971	1970	1969
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes — January 1, 1973 .....		\$3,701.05	\$ 918.95	\$11.48
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year .....	\$8,563.94	.....	.....	.....
Interest Collected After Sale .....	206.64	331.07	193.98	5.60
Redemption Costs .....	42.84	17.78	4.59	.75
Total Debits .....	<u>\$8,813.42</u>	<u>\$4,049.90</u>	<u>\$1,117.52</u>	<u>\$17.83</u>
<b>Credits</b>				
Remittances to Treasurer During Year: Redemptions .....	\$4,962.00	\$2,923.27	\$ 918.95	\$11.48
Interest & Costs After Sale .....	249.48	348.85	198.57	6.35
Unredeemed Taxes— December 31, 1973 .....	3,601.94	777.78	.....	.....
Total Credits .....	<u>\$8,813.42</u>	<u>\$4,049.90</u>	<u>\$1,117.52</u>	<u>\$17.83</u>

# **UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES**

**December 31, 1973**

	1972	Levies of:	
		1971	1970
Ashline, Edward & Inez M, .....	\$ 306.45	.....	.....
Black, John J. & Lora .....	319.95	.....	.....
Bussear, Gary & Leslie & Marjorie M. Mellett .....	259.94	.....	.....
Fellows, David & Mabel .....	641.40	.....	.....
Grace, George A. & Barbara .....	414.97	428.64	.....
Griswold, Clifton & Elnora .....	.....	90.18	.....
Provencal, Delore & Iva .....	285.03	.....	.....
Provencal, Irene .....	153.89	.....	.....
Quimby, Joanne .....	411.90	.....	.....
Rocke, Melvin D. & Marilyn .....	.....	186.99	.....
Rowell, Elmer & Theresa .....	392.95	71.97	.....
Tibbits, Harold .....	197.35	.....	.....
Withington, Langley & Bertha .....	218.11	.....	.....
	<u>\$3,601.94</u>	<u>\$777.78</u>	

I hereby certify that the above lists showing the names and amount due each delinquent taxpayer as December 31, 1973 on account of levies of 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

**INEZ M. CUSHMAN**  
Tax Collector

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

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### Town Officers Salaries

William G. Gee, Selectman	\$ 900.00
George W. Morse, Selectman	750.00
Walter W. King, Selectman	750.00
Harriet J. Taplin, Town Clerk	2,058.00
Patricia A. Eastman, Treas.	750.00
Inez Cushman, Tax Collector	1,199.40
Norma Clark, Welfare Dir.	200.00
Jacqueline Lary, Treas.	
Trust Funds	300.00
Brian Hayes, Auditor	75.00
Edward Hammond, Fire Chief	350.00
Betty Eastman, Surplus Foods	275.00
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	\$7,607.40

### Town Officers Expenses

Telephone	\$ 590.77
Supplies	195.53
Postage & Printing	1,415.87
Clerk	1,005.00
Misc.	1,762.46
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	\$4,969.63

### Election & Registrations

Supervisors	278.00
Ballot Clerks	40.00
Supplies	9.54
Misc.	68.75
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	396.29

### **Municipal Court**

Daniel Fleetham, Judge	500.00	
	<hr/>	500.00

### **Town Hall & Other Buildings**

Fuel Oil	2,336.96	
Electric	912.14	
Water	49.20	
Repairs	52.52	
Misc.	279.74	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,630.56

### **Reappraisal of Property**

State of N. H.	354.98
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### **Gasoline**

Purcell Oil Company	1,404.77
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### **Police Department**

Ernest B. Smith, Chief	7,178.26	
Special Officers	653.00	
Telephone	820.23	
Gas & Oil	686.88	
Supplies	1,042.61	
Insurance	480.75	
Maintenance & Repair	1,223.38	
	<hr/>	\$12,085.11

### **Fire Department**

Salaries	\$ 841.36
Gas & Oil	201.66
Repairs	209.92

Supplies	68.18	
Telephone	318.29	
Hydrants	1,274.10	
Misc.	477.60	
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		\$ 3,391.11

#### **Planning & Zoning**

Planning Board	445.00	
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		445.00

#### **Damage by Dogs**

Damages Paid by Town	79.00	
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		79.00

#### **Insurance**

Herbert Brown Agency	\$3,541.30	
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		3,541.30

#### **Health Department**

Charles Clifford, Health Officer	301.92	
Mascoma Area Health Council	3,297.00	
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		3,598.92

#### **Vital Statistics**

Harriet J. Taplin	46.50	
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		46.50

### **Town Dump**

Harry Smith	375.00	
Ernest Eastman, Sr.	500.00	
Anne Brooks	606.10	
Willis Webster	1,200.00	
Dozing	421.00	
Misc.	10.50	
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		\$ 3,112.60

### **Street Lights**

Granite State Electric	2,565.84	
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		\$ 2,565.84

### **Town Road Aid**

State of N. H.	1,715.65	
Advance Labor	3,265.02	
Advance Equipment	10,657.80	
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		\$15,638.47

### **Town Maintenance**

Summer Labor	804.00	
Summer Equipment	1,010.17	
Winter Labor	5,168.50	
Winter Equipment	5,045.20	
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		\$12,027.87

### **General Expense**

Fuel & Oil	600.71
Truck Maintenance	202.81
Grader Maintenance	135.41

Supplies	2,255.37	
Misc.	352.51	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,546.81

#### **Duncan Fund**

Labor	3,596.75	
Equipment	10,947.60	
Harry Biathrow	5,804.50	
	<hr/>	\$20,348.85

#### **Tarvia**

Labor	1,419.00	
Equipment	936.70	
Materials	1,485.31	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,841.01

#### **Highway Subsidy**

Labor	6,011.00	
Equipment	4,643.23	
Misc. & Materials	7,013.58	
	<hr/>	\$17,667.81

#### **Flood Disaster Funds**

Labor	6,091.58	
Equipment	8,375.20	
Materials	2,990.30	
	<hr/>	\$17,457.08

### **Economic Employment Act**

Robert McAllister	2,538.25	
Insurance	64.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,602.50

### **Library**

Library Trustees		\$ 2,500.00
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### **Welfare**

Old Age Assistance	8,148.57	
Town Poor-Veteran	55.00	
Archie Eastman, Jr. Surplus Foods	169.60	
Grafton County	391.37	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,764.54

### **Patriotic Purposes**

American Legion	100.00	
Supplies	56.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 156.00

### **Care of Parks & Play**

Myrtle Kimball		\$ 742.50
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### **Beach**

Angela Hill	720.00	
Telephone	34.53	
Supplies	102.46	
Misc.	16.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 863.89



### **Recreation Committee**

Supplies	22.34	
Misc.	32.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 55.29

### **All Other Maintenance Expense**

Robert Jones, Legal Council	350.00	
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	1,630.00	
Taxes Bought by Town	8,563.94	
Refunds, Discounts, & Abatements	1,506.33	
Retirement & Social Security	2,206.67	
Porcupine Bounties	2.00	
Historical Museum	60.26	
Inez Cushman, Tax Collector	381.65	
	<hr/>	\$14,700.85

### **Interest**

Tax Anticipation Notes	1,899.50	
Long Term Notes	602.92	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,502.42

### **Principal**

Tax Anticipation Notes	133,040.16	
Long Term Notes	13,110.00	
	<hr/>	\$146,150.16

### **Capital Outlay**

Pay to Capital Reserves	6,805.00
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**Payments to Other Government Div.**

2% Bond & Debt Retirement	100.79	
State of N. H. Resident Tax	672.30	
County Tax	24,757.46	
Mascoma Valley School Dist.	373,768.11	
	<hr/>	\$399,298.66

**Designated Funds**

For Beach House	2,234.31	
Philip Baker Meeting House	21,072.79	
	<hr/>	\$ 23,307.10

## CANAAN POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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To the Selectmen of Canaan :

The following is my police report for the year ending December 31, 1973.

- 152 Arrests
- 113 Convictions
- 39 Nol Pros by Complainants
- 27 Accidents Investigated
- 31 Homes Checked by Request
- \$1,950.00 worth of Stolen Property Recovered Listed Below.
- 1 Auto Stolen from Franklin, Value \$1,500.00
- 1 Chain Saw, Value \$150.00
- Misc. Items, Value \$300.00
- 11 Emergency trips to Hospital
- 26,000 miles on patrol with Canaan Cruiser

The number of Arrests is down from last year as the Town has been more quiet than in the past years especially at night.

The state has approved and provided paint for cross walks; this will be a big help for the school children as we have had some near misses here in the village.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST B. SMITH  
Chief of Police

# REPORT OF MUNICIPAL COURT 1973

## Criminal Cases — Cash Receipts:

Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 233.70	
Amount of fines collected	4,965.00	
Total Receipts		\$5,198.70

## Criminal Cases — Cash Disbursements:

Fines & bail for. paid to State	\$ 2,353.00	
Amount expended to court	132.55	
Amount for witness fees	35.00	
Amount paid to town treas.	2,400.00	
Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1973	278.15	
Total Disbursements		\$5,198.70

## Bail Account:

Bail on hand Dec. 31, 1972	\$ 600.00	
Bail collected during 1973	7,325.00	
Total		\$7,925.00
Bail returned on discharge	\$7,175.00	
Bail forwarded to Superior Court	150.00	
Bail on hand Dec. 31, 1973	600.00	
Total Bail Account		\$7,925.00

## Small Claims:

### Jan. 1 — August 24, 1973

Total amount of fees collected	13.50	
Total amount paid town	2.25	

Aug. 25 — Dec. 31, 1973

Total amount of fees collected	1.50
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Total amount paid town	.25
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Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL W. FLEETHAM  
Justice

## **ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**

**Gordon Lary**

### **Winter Maintenance**

**January 3rd through March 14th**

Labor		\$3,340.00
Equipment:		
Gordon Lary		
Loader	\$828.00	
Truck	505.00	
Truck	390.00	
Joe Decato	190.00	
Albert Bassett	81.00	
Walter Edson	72.00	
Sand:		
Laura Sturtevant	118.00	
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		\$2,184.00

### **Winter Maintenance**

**December 12th through December 26th**

Labor		\$1,568.50
Equipment:		
Gordon Lary		
Truck	\$185.00	
Truck	568.00	
Loader	360.00	
Walter Edson	36.00	
Lawrence Talbert	204.00	
Bruce Allan	42.00	
Frank Smith	108.00	
Barry Decato	12.00	

Richard Beane		
Dozer & Skidder	253.50	
Sand:		
Freeman Pierce, Jr.	18.90	
	<hr/>	\$1,787.40
Grand Total		<hr/> \$8,879.90

**Summer Maintenance**  
**March 28th through November 7th**

Labor		\$1,427.00
Equipment:		
Gordon Lary		
Loader	\$552.00	
Truck	280.00	
Truck	230.00	
Joe Decato	120.00	
Eugene Smith		
Tractor-Mower	270.00	
Sand:		
Laura Sturtevant	80.60	
Thelma Hammond	19.50	
	<hr/>	\$1,552.10
Grand Total		<hr/> \$2,979.10

**Flood**  
**July 4th through November 14th**

Labor		\$5,881.58
Equipment:		
Gordon Lary		
Loader	\$1,843.18	
Truck	1,148.50	
Truck	775.00	

Joe Decato	60.00	
Harry Biathrow	2,862.50	
Mike Batten	489.70	
Vic Corno		
Dozer	18.00	
Roger Remacle		
Cherry picker	90.00	
Gravel:		
James Ricard	236.85	
Thelma Hammond	508.00	
Sand:		
Freeman Pierce, Jr.	81.80	
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		\$8,353.53
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Grand Total		\$14,235.11

**Duncan Fund**  
**June 6th through October 24th**

Labor		\$4,090.75
Equipment:		
Gordon Lary		
Loader	\$1,002.00	
Truck	1,024.50	
Truck	362.50	
Lawrence Rodgers	522.90	
Archie Eastman	392.20	
Mike Batten	1,224.75	
Richard Jenks	448.20	
Harry Biathrow	10,793.75	
Gravel:		
Charles Neily	188.00	
Jim Richard	30.45	
Richard Stark	902.20	
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		\$20,348.85
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Grand Total		\$24,439.60



### **Tarvia**

**May 23rd through December 5th**

Labor		\$1,800.50
Equipment:		
Gordon Lary		
Loader	\$438.00	
Truck	555.50	
Truck	180.00	
Sand:		
Freeman Pierce, Jr.	49.20	
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		\$1,221.70
Grand Total		<hr/>
		\$3,022.20

### **Highway Subsidy**

**January 24th through May 30th**

Labor		\$6,379.00
Equipment:		
Gordon Lary		
Loader	\$1,692.00	
Truck	1,177.50	
Truck	762.50	
Albert Bassett	153.00	
Frank Smith	162.00	
Joe Decato	100.00	
Walter Edson	36.00	
Leslie Mansur	18.00	
John Zani	36.00	
Sand:		
Laura Sturtevant	133.80	
Thelma Hammond	78.50	
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		\$4,349.30
Grand Total		<hr/>
		\$10,728.30

# **CEMETERY REPORT** **1973**

Wells	
Labor, Tree work, Loam	2,117.05
Canaan Street	
Labor	1,218.75
West Canaan	
Labor	327.10
St. Mary	
Labor	159.20
West Farms	
Labor	201.00
Birch Corner	
Labor	26.80
Attwell-Jones	
Labor	23.60
Cobble Hill	
Labor	96.00
All Cemeteries	
Labor, Equip., & Supplies	4,397.86
Gas, oil, & Supplies for	
Mowers & Chain Saw	95.58

Respectfully submitted,

MYRTLE W. KIMBALL  
Agent

# **SAWYER HILL CEMETERY REPORT** **1973**

No funds were received by this agent. All payments were made direct by the trustees of trust funds. Funds were expended in this manner in the amount of (\$61.25) for spring, summer, fall maintenance. Other work performed without charge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN Q. RICARD  
Agent

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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### Income 1973:

Balance Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 21.13	
Town of Canaan	2,500.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	72.00	
Fines, maps, & books sold	97.30	
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Total		\$2,690.43

### Expenditures 1973:

Books	\$1,093.78	
Salaries:		
Librarian	714.80	
Janitor	50.00	
Cataloging	240.00	
Evenings	116.00	
Summer	102.00	
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		\$1,222.80
Supplies	86.10	
Postage	10.14	
Miscellaneous	176.21	
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Total		\$2,589.03

Balance December 31, 1973	101.40
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Total Credits	\$2,690.43
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ZEPHERYN G. CLARKE, Treas.  
MARTHA G. PUSEY  
CAROL SHELTON

# LIBRARIAN REPORT 1973

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Volumes on hand, January 1, 1973	17,762
Volumes added during year	279
Total	18,041
Volumes discarded during year	102
Volumes in Library, December 31, 1973	17,939
Records in Library	255

## Circulation

Fiction	3,609
Non-fiction	1,397
Juvenile	2,851
Records	430
Total	8,287

Active Cards — 280

Books borrowed from Bookmobile — 2,696

Books borrowed from Extension Service — 43

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE M. CADY  
Librarian

## **MASCOMA AREA HEALTH COUNCIL**

### **Summary of Services for Town Report**

**January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973**

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Born out of the Town Meetings in 1969, the Council is completing its fifth year of service to Canaan, Enfield, Grafton and Orange. Serving a population of a little more than 5,000, the Council's two nurses (each working half time) provide nursing in the home and a complete health prevention and health promotion program.

In 1969 the Council began quarterly immunization clinics for all preschoolers. In 1971 this service was expanded to the present monthly Well Child Conferences. An average of 185 preschool children is enrolled in this free program, which is heavily supported by the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, New Hampshire Division of Public Health. Under this program, each child regularly receives a full physical examination, all necessary immunizations, and tests for vision and hearing. Parents are seen with the children, problems are discussed and if necessary referred for further treatment. The Council's nurses make follow up visits when needed. For any child who will not see a private physician the Council provides the full physical exam necessary for entrance to kindergarten or first grade. It is also under contract to supervise the health of the children in the Headstart program.

Nutritionists are available at each clinic, and are also available to adults needing help on dietary matters. A representative of Planned Parenthood is also available for counseling when needed.

No funds have become available for the long hoped for dental program, but this past year, with generous financial help from the Lions Clubs of Canaan and Enfield the

Council was able to institute a new program of counseling on preventive dentistry.

The Council depends for support on the four towns served, each of which contributes annually on the basis of its population, and on Medicaid and Medicare where it is applicable. While we must of necessity set a charge for services other than the free preschool clinics, the services are available to everyone, regardless of ability to pay that charge.

At present our nurses are Mrs. Gertrude Clark, R.N. of Grafton and Mrs. Toni Sadowsky of West Lebanon. During the year 1973 they have made almost 1,500 visits to area residents for nursing service, health promotion, counseling or support.

In November of 1973 the Council, in cooperation with local physicians and the American Cancer Society, offered to area women a free clinic testing program for cancer. We hope another such program can be offered in 1974. In addition, plans are now being made with the Council on Aging for an Adult Health Screening program to be held annually in the area.

The Council is governed by a volunteer board of directors elected from the four towns, and its medical policies and practices are supervised by a Medical Advisory Board consisting of area physicians and several volunteers.

The Council maintains its office in the Health Room at Mascoma Valley Regional High School, with its own telephone (632-7234). It is heavily dependent on, and grateful to, the Methodist Churches of Canaan and Enfield and the School, which provide space for its clinics and meetings, and to the school for its office space there. A pamphlet describing the Council and its work and service is available on request. Its monthly meetings (first Monday evenings at the School) are open to the public, and visitors and volunteers are welcomed.

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

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As our main objective of developing a Master Plan for the Town of Canaan the Planning Board members, with the help of volunteers, undertook a house-to-house survey last spring. The purpose of the survey was threefold, namely: 1. To obtain population data by age, sex, school and employment characteristics, 2. To gather land use information to be incorporated into a land use map and, 3. To determine those elements that the residents of Canaan are most concerned about and want to see improved. This was a major task requiring many hours of participation. Although the work was only 80% completed it will give a good picture of how the town has been growing. The land use information is presently being mapped by the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council.

As an important part of developing a Master Plan the Planning Board began a series of open public meetings this fall. The purpose of the meetings was 1. To inform the public of our activities — particularly the survey findings, 2. To describe purpose of planning in Canaan and to get the public involved in determining goals and objectives that can affect future town growth and tax rates and 3. To initiate a public forum to bring up opposing viewpoints.

We had two very interesting meetings, one concerning small town planning in New Hampshire and the other a very interesting talk and discussion on mobile homes and how they affect tax rates and ways to protect the owners interests as well as the towns'. There was only a minimal turnout at these meetings which did not correspond to the interest indicated by our survey.

Our survey indicated extreme interest in local employment (businesses), in school problems and in taxes (as

expected) among other concerns. Many also felt a need for recreational facilities for the elderly as well as for student-age children. We hope to expand public interest in the coming year.

Submitted by the  
Canaan Planning Board  
RICHARD D. PUSEY Chm.



## REPORT OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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In March of 1973 at the Canaan Town Meeting it was voted to establish a Conservation Commission in the town consisting of 5 members. It is this commission's function to assist selectmen and policy making bodies in making resource related decisions, promote proper use of the area's natural resources and municipally owned lands, receive gifts of money or property in the name of the town and oversee their management, distribute conservation materials to citizen's groups and act as a facilitator in individuals' and the town resource problem solving.

In Canaan this year much was done in the way of organization and sponsorship of projects. The commission consisting of members with diverse backgrounds had to organize their information and establish priorities for the needs of the town. The priorities decided upon were:

1. The flooding (high water level) in the town of Canaan.
2. The necessity of proper soils information.
3. The both unsightly and dangerous junk car situation.
4. The necessity of finding a site for the open land fill to be ready for operation in 1975.

The commission had to find resources for attacking these problems and then to oversee the proper development of a solution to each.

1. With the assistance of this commission a careful one year study is being undertaken to determine the Indian River's relationship to the annual flooding problem in Canaan.
2. The United States Soil Conservation Service will be doing a comprehensive soils mapping of 19,000

acres. This map is necessary in determining proper development of Canaan.

The Conservation Commission received grants totaling \$4,750.00 for this purpose. The town allocated \$2,000.00 and the Ford Foundation matched this money with \$2,750.00.

3. The Conservation Commission recognized the junk car situation and undertook the removal of 30 cars this year from the town. Next year the Commission hopes to expand this project with the cooperation of the town's citizens again.
4. The Conservation Commission has requested help from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council, the regional planning agency for a solution to the land fill dump sight situation. A report is planned with an eye to a regional solution.

The Conservation Commission meets monthly, Ordinarily the second Monday of the month at the selectmen's office. Public concern and participation is urged.

This year has been very busy and hopefully during 1974 the culmination of much of this work will be seen.

Submitted for the 1974  
Town Report

JOHN Q. ADAMS  
Chairman  
MARY J. THOMPSON  
Secretary  
ROBERT RICARD  
ROGER L. REMECLE, SR.  
MAUREEN KING

## UPPER VALLEY-LAKE SUNAPEE COUNCIL

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The Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council (formerly the Upper Valley Planning and Development Council) has two members from the Town of Canaan who have gone to the monthly meetings in our first year of re-entry into the Council, John Hammond representing the Planning Board and Mary Thompson representing the Conservation Commission. A joint committee consisting of these two members as well as the chairman of the two respective organizations was formed to coordinate requests to the Council.

Through the joint committee and the council representatives the Town of Canaan submitted a list of items for the council to work on to compliment the work of the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. These items included 1. an aerial photogrammetric mosaic of the Town of Canaan at a scale of 1" equals 1000 feet. 2. A land use map on appropriate base maps. 3. A delineation of soils as mapped by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service to date and 4. A report on the sanitary landfill dump site problem in Canaan. Prior to Town Meeting we hope to have the results of these requests.

## REPORT OF THE CANAAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM 1973

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The Museum was founded in the Bi-Centennial Year of 1961. It is located on the second floor of the Town Library and is to be open Saturdays from 1 P. M. to 4 P. M. July 6 through August 31, 1974, and by special appointment for schools and groups. Admission is free and help is voluntary. Funds are acquired through \$1.00 membership donations, sales of food, handicrafts, cards, maps, and Bi-Centennial Histories.

The annual opening Tea was held June 30th with Mrs. Edward L. Stevens and Mrs. Norman C. Wakely in charge. Both these ladies had served as curators in the past.

The Museum is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and is situated on Canaan Street in The Canaan Historic District, which is listed in The National Register of Historic Places in Washington, D. C. It is also a member of The Associated Historical Societies of New Hampshire.

The attendance grows and interesting new articles are given to the Museum each year. It is hoped that all our townspeople will stop by often for visits.

Respectfully submitted

ELSIE G. CROCKER  
REID F. MORRIS  
RITA H. WEBSTER

## REPORT OF CANAAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

January 1, 1973 — December 31, 1973

### Debit

Balance National Bank of Lebanon	
January 1, 1973	\$2,033.71
Income from Donations, Sales, Etc.	61.21
Interest Savings Account	76.93
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Total	\$2,171.85

### Credit

Nat'l Trust for Historical Societies	\$ 25.00
Elsie G. Crocker	6.80
Emerson Gardens	8.00
Copy of Savings Acc. Statement	1.00
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Sub Total	\$ 40.80
Nat'l Bank Savings Account	1,749.60
Balance Checking Account	381.45
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Total	\$2,171.85

Respectfully submitted

C. RUSSELL LESTER  
Treasurer

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REPORT

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Five years ago the Canaan Historic District and the Canaan Historic District Commission were created and established by town vote, under authority granted by State enabling legislation. This was a pioneering effort. The first Commission and its successors faced problems of philosophy and procedure for which there was no precedent to indicate a solution. They proceeded cautiously through research and experience, developing guidelines which have worked reasonably well.

Drawing on this experience, the Commission has concentrated, during 1973, on the drafting of a coherent philosophy of purpose and on writing revised and more specific regulations. This ordinance will be voted on at Town Meeting, March 1974 and although this is not radically different from our old guidelines, we have attempted to make them more workable.

The Commission has also been busy this year raising money for the preservation of the Town Meeting House. The Third Art of Northern New England Show, held at Cardigan Mountain School August 4th to 12th, received a great deal of enthusiastic support and realized a profit of three thousand dollars for the Town Meeting House. Our heartfelt thanks go to all those who supported this momentous task by being patrons, contributing their time, helping with the actual physical operation, loaning paintings and purchasing paintings.

Funds from the Art Show together with previous fund raising attempts went toward the first phase of the preservation of the Town Meeting House. After a great deal of research as to the proper steps of preservation the selectmen authorized Mr. Philip Baker of Antrim, N. H. to do the foundation work using the money the Historic Commission had raised for that purpose.

Our fund raising efforts are

Arthur Ashley Williams Foundation	\$18,500
(\$2,500 of this to be used for the Community Building)	
Eva Gebhard-Gourgaud Foundation	3,500
Canaan Historical Society	260
Art of Northern New England Art Show	3,600

The foundation work cost \$21,072.79 which left a very small balance for future work. We are now seeking more grants so that when the community decides what the next step should be the money will be waiting.

The Commission held eighteen meetings this year including one informational meeting for the residents of the District. There were six applications of exterior changes made. Three were accepted, one was accepted after modification and two were rejected. The final acceptance of both the Town Meeting House and the entire Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places in Washington, D. C. was received.

Respectfully submitted,

BEVERLY WAKELY  
Secretary

Commission:

Elsie Crocker, Chairman  
William Geoghegan  
Walter King  
A. L. Morris  
Beverly Wakely

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN RECREATION COMMITTEE

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This is the first year of the town recreation committee working as a group. Much of the early months were therefore spent discovering what recreational facilities the Town of Canaan possessed. First we found that the playground equipment at Williams Field was in a dangerous state and required removal. The Committee then attacked the problem of the Town Beach where they spread sand, obtained and placed buoys, obtained and placed picnic tables, built and placed a Life-Guard Stand, had a telephone installed, cleared brush from the beach area, marked a parking area, and put up a beach sign.

There was one other major task at the beach facing the Committee: the Dock. In early spring, when work at the beach began, the dock was hanging precariously into the lake. We thought that it would be a simple task to jack up the end and straighten out the existing supports. We had a sad awakening: the ice had made the supports useless and the ice and water had rotted the underside of the dock away. After many volunteer man-hours and many disappointing attempts a "stop gap one season repair" was completed. The fact that the dock was beyond restoration was made more evident in the Fall when additional repairs were attempted and the rotten underside was realized.

A 4th of July Celebration was coordinated at which time the town enjoyed a Parade and many races. This being a success we tried a Labor Day Observance, featuring a "Men vs. Women Softball Game"—won by the women. Later in the year a Harvest Festival was held.

The Committee wishes to thank all the people and organizations who were so generous with money, ma-



terials, and labor in helping us. We also thank the citizens of Canaan for their patience with us as this was our first year.

We hope that next year can be a bigger and better year for Recreation in the Town of Canaan, but we remind you that the dock at the beach last year must be removed. If we are to have any dock at the beach, a new one will have to be installed.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT F. DISBROW

Secretary

Committee:

Milton Wilson, Chairman

Timothy Thompson, Vice-Chairman

Robert Disbrow, Secretary

Gloria Robbins

Michael Baten

Theresa Acerno

Fred Hollwedel

Nelson Gilmore



# BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden of Mother
Jan. 19	Lebanon, N. H.	Tracie Lee	F	Richard J. Roberts	Starr L. Horsfield
Feb. 23	Lebanon, N. H.	Andrew Robert	M	Robert G. McAlister	Bonnie L. Allen
Feb. 25	Hanover, N. H.	Eric Howard	M	Douglas W. Hammond	Teena J. Roof
Apr. 7	Hanover, N. H.	Scott James	M	James P. Gebhardt	Sally C. Emerson
Apr. 13	Hanover, N. H.	David Edwin	M	David E. Prime	Cheyl F. Dickinson
Apr. 29	Lebanon, N. H.	Robert Keith	M	Donald R. Edwards	Barbara L. Stetson
June 27	Lebanon, N. H.	Steven Karl	M	Frederick C. Hollwedel	Lorraine G. Martin
July 10	Hanover, N. H.	David Thomas	M	David J. Whittin	Phyllis E. Byerley
July 18	Lebanon, N. H.	Lisa Renee	F	David A. Stewart	Gail L. Hall
July 27	Lebanon, N. H.	Sarah Elizabeth	F	Lloyd R. Buntent	Mary E. Peterson
July 28	Lebanon, N. H.	Natalie Louise	F	Jeffrey D. Hicks	Mary P. Duplessis
Aug. 22	Lebanon, N. H.	Robert Todd	M	Robert S. Willington, Jr.	Judy M. DeVincentis
Aug. 24	Hanover, N. H.	Tanya Jean	F	Melvin D. Locke	Marilyn J. White
Aug. 27	Lebanon, N. H.	Darcy Marie	F	Michael W. Nadeau	Donna L. Dolley
Aug. 28	Lebanon, N. H.	Jerry Phillip	M	John P. Roberts, Jr.	Rosemary J. Otis
Aug. 31	Hanover, N. H.	Seth Keoki	M	David G. Johnson	Marilyn Ohta
Sept. 1	Lebanon, N. H.	Sarah Muriel	F	Ernest W. Steller, Jr.	Allegra Parker
Sept. 2	Lebanon, N. H.	Todd Richard	M	Richard A. Stark	Sandra J. Fatenau
Sept. 16	Plymouth, N. H.	Katrina Marie	F	Friedrick E. Landon	Michele T. Remacle
Sept. 17	Lebanon, N. H.	James Roy	M	Dennis K. McAlister	Barbara E. Allen
Sept. 21	Lebanon, N. H.	Mitchell Townes	M	Ronald E. Evans	Karen E. Cummings
Oct. 1	Lebanon, N. H.	Jodi Lynn	F	Paul R. Schwarz	Nancy L. Fountain
Oct. 14	Lebanon, N. H.	Michael Larry	M	Larry M. Dube	Betty J. Wallace
Oct. 31	Hanover, N. H.	Schuyler Hofstna	M	Peter H. Fauver	Maryann Taber
Nov. 2	Hanover, N. H.	Rebecca Ann	F	Gordon L. Moffatt	Gail M. Hines
Nov. 15	Hanover, N. H.	Gabriel David	M	Robert H. Abendroth	Elaine M. Snyder
Nov. 18	Lebanon, N. H.	Heidi Lynn	F	Alfred C. Grace	Freda I. Smith
Dec. 2	Lebanon, N. H.	Jason Edward	M	Don V. Corno	Candace I. Tucker
Dec. 6	Lebanon, N. H.	Meggin Louise	F	Gordon A. Gillens	Linda J. Stewart
Dec. 18	Hanover, N. H.	Eric Lee	M	Morris C. Shattuck	Joyce A. Thibodeau

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARRIET J. TAPLIN, Town Clerk

# MARRIAGES

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by Whom Married
Feb. 3	Canaan, N. H.	Carl A. Sanborn	Rev. Norman E. Pyle, Canaan, N. H.
Feb. 10	W. Canaan, N. H.	Lois M. Buckwold	Clergy
Feb. 25	Canaan, N. H.	Edwin A. Smith	Myrl H. Webster, W. Canaan, N. H.
April 20	Canaan, N. H.	Sue Ann Sanders	Justice of the Peace
May 12	Canaan, N. H.	Arthur F. Heath	Rev. Russell Shopland, Enfield, N. H.
May 19	Canaan, N. H.	Dorothea J. Heath	Pastor
June 16	Canaan, N. H.	Frederick E. Landon	Rev. Norman E. Pyle, Canaan, N. H.
June 23	Enfield, N. H.	Michele T. Remacle	Clergy
June 30	Enfield, N. H.	Wesley R. Emerson, Jr.	Rev. Norman E. Pyle, Canaan, N. H.
July 7	Enfield, N. H.	Shirley A. Brodeur	Clergy
July 14	Enfield, N. H.	William A. Tibbits	Myrl H. Webster, W. Canaan, N. H.
July 28	Enfield, N. H.	Mary L. O'Keefe	Justice of the Peace
August 4	Enfield, N. H.	Thomas A. Brown	Edward H. MacBurney, Hanover, N. H.
August 11	Enfield, N. H.	Suzanne Cummings	Episcopal Priest
August 18	Enfield, N. H.	Gregory R. Bordfeld	Rev. Edward Zalewski, Enfield, N. H.
August 25	Enfield, N. H.	Raylene L. Chapman	R. C. Priest
September 1	Enfield, N. H.	Brian A. Adams	Rev. Edward Zalewski, Enfield, N. H.
September 8	Enfield, N. H.	Kris M. Kelley	R. C. Priest
September 15	Enfield, N. H.	Madison D. Nichols	Rev. Wesley Megaw, W. Lebanon, N. H.
September 22	Enfield, N. H.	Benita A. Stearns	Clergyman
September 29	Enfield, N. H.	Lyell C. Smith, Jr.	Rev. Edward Zalewski, Enfield, N. H.
October 6	Enfield, N. H.	Donna L. Hayes	R. C. Priest
October 13	Enfield, N. H.	Leonard J. Lemay	Myrl H. Webster, W. Canaan, N. H.
October 20	Enfield, N. H.	Mernie M. Newhall	Justice of the Peace
October 27	Enfield, N. H.	Roy W. Wearer	Rev. Norman E. Pyle, Canaan, N. H.
November 3	Enfield, N. H.	Sharon L. Decato	Clergy
November 10	Enfield, N. H.	Nicholas N. Clark	Rev. Norman E. Pyle, Canaan, N. H.
November 17	Enfield, N. H.	Sherry M. Locke	Clergy
November 24	Enfield, N. H.	Michael A. Eastman	Rev. Edward Zalewski, Enfield, N. H.
December 1	Enfield, N. H.	Barbara J. Wight	R. C. Priest
December 8	Enfield, N. H.	Thomas D. Provencal	Rev. David A. Kerr, Enfield, N. H.
December 15	Enfield, N. H.	Janet E. Neily	Meth. Minister
December 22	Enfield, N. H.	Kenneth D. Warren	Rev. Norman E. Pyle, Canaan, N. H.
December 29	Enfield, N. H.	Maria M. Zopb	Clergy

Aug. 17	Canaan, N. H.	Stephen D. Tripp	Myrl H. Webster, W. Canaan, N. H.
Aug. 25	Canaan, N. H.	Shirley A. Martin	Justice of the Peace
Sept. 1	Lebanon, N. H.	James E. Rostron, Jr.	Dr. David A. Kerr, Enfield, N. H.
		Carol L. Buzzell	Minister
Sept. 15	Canaan, N. H.	William Tourville, Jr.	W. Timothy Thibeault, Lebanon, N. H.
		Barbara J. Churchill	Priest
		Douglas G. Knapp	Rev. Russell Shopland, Enfield, N. H.
		Georgia D. Green	Pastor
Sept. 15	Canaan, N. H.	Francis J. Smith	Dr. David A. Kerr, Enfield, N. H.
		Lora J. Kent	Minister
Sept. 15	Canaan, N. H.	Larry E. Smrekar	Dr. David A. Kerr, Enfield, N. H.
		Carol A. Zalris	Meth. Minister
Sept. 22	Canaan, N. H.	Roger L. Remacle, (Sr.)	Rev. Edward Zalewski, Enfield, N. H.
Oct. 4	Canaan, N. H.	Charlotte M. Beede	R. C. Priest
		John P. Moussette	Dr. David A. Kerr, Enfield, N. H.
Oct. 13	W. Canaan, N. H.	Cheryl J. Hebert	Minister
		William Simms	Dr. David A. Kerr, Enfield, N. H.
Oct. 20	Canaan, N. H.	Rita A. Cotting	Minister
		Richard R. Buckwold	Marjorie A. Sleeper, Canaan, N. H.
Nov. 10	Enfield, N. H.	Norma L. Atkinson	Justice of the Peace
		Wendall W. Clough	Bettina B. Adams, Enfield, N. H.
Nov. 11	W. Canaan, N. H.	Carol A. Fontaine	Justice of the Peace
		Daniel W. Thresher	Dr. David A. Kerr, Enfield, N. H.
Nov. 17	Springfield, N. H.	Paula D. LaBounty	Minister
		Peter L. Beaupre	Joseph E. Thomas, Sunapee, N. H.
		Valerie A. Roney	Minister
Nov. 24	Lebanon, N. H.	Anthony C. Davis	Dwight S. Haynes, Lebanon, N. H.
		Elizabeth A. Allen	Clergyman
Nov. 30	Enfield, N. H.	Ronald T. Grace	John P. Carr, Enfield, N. H.
		Marjorie A. Charbono	Justice of the Peace
Dec. 1	Canaan, N. H.	Edward B. Beliveau	Rev. Norman E. Pyle, Canaan, N. H.
		Kerrie E. Chapman	Clergy
Dec. 1	Lyme, N. H.	Lester P. Bryne, Jr.	Forrest R. Perkins, Lyme, N. H.
		Rita H. Tibbetts	Justice of the Peace

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# DEATHS

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1972					
Dec. 21	Webster, N. H.	Hazel Farnsworth	87	W. L. Trowbridge	Cora Shaw
1973					
Feb. 1	Hartford, Vt.	John P. Wilson	72	James Wilson	Lilla Goin
Feb. 4	Canaan, N. H.	William H. Temple	50	Charles H. Temple	Marion E. Henderson
Mar. 11	Hanover, N. H.	Scott J. Bruce	19	Robert Bruce	Esther Buckwold
Apr. 11	Haverhill, N. H.	Fred J. Tyler	93	Unknown	Unknown
May 22	Hanover, N. H.	Walter P. Clark	67	George Clark	Lillian Duple
May 22	Canaan, N. H.	Frank K. Clarke	67	Frank B. Clarke	Berenice Trescott
June 6	Windsor, Vt.	Raymond B. Field	66		
June 10	Haverhill, N. H.	Alee Blouin	74	George Blouin	Juliette
June 11	Hanover, N. H.	Cora B. Wescott	97	Charles R. Evans	Sarah Flanders
June 21	Hanover, N. H.	Karl Nyhus	76	Andreas Nyhus	Hilda Kristoffersen
July 11	Franklin, N. H.	Edward B. Bennett	84	Joseph Bennett	Emila Decato
July 16	Canaan, N. H.	Richard P. Johnson	14	Douglas S. Johnson, Jr.	Ruth Brown
July 18	Manchester, N. H.	Warren B. Bowker	86	Unknown	Unknown
July 24	Canaan, N. H.	Maudellen Forbush	22	Dascomb R. Forbush	Dorothy Fitts
Aug. 23	Hanover, N. H.	Marion E. White	73	Austin Lary	Margaret McEwen
Sept. 2	Lower Merion, Pa.	Elizabeth K. Baketel	72		
Sept. 11	Boscawen, N. H.	Ernest Flanders	89	Lestes Flanders	Laura Wescott
Sept. 26	Canaan, N. H.	Robert Tyrrell	67	William Tyrrell	Selena DeBisschop
Oct. 13	Haverhill, N. H.	William C. Weir	73	Daniel Weir	Ann Macerfery
Oct. 20	Hanover, N. H.	Richard H. Jones	23	Floyd Jones, Sr.	Louise Butnan
Nov. 8	Portsmouth, N. H.	Beth E. Harrigan	49	Benjamin F. Harrigan	Lena Allen
Nov. 23	Canaan, N. H.	Earl L. McAlister	77	George McAlister	Leona Ford
Dec. 23	Canaan, N. H.	Clyde Quimby	89	John Quimby	Unknown
Dec. 25	Hanover, N. H.	Kenneth D. Wilson	68	Harry Wilson	Margaret Murphy

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